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# Ted Stevens

United States Senator for Alaska

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- Requests are due by February 15, 2008.

## FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: MBRT National Database of Minority Businesses

Project Location: Washington, D.C. National in Scope

## Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

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## Description:

The Minority Business Roundtable, a non-profit 501(c)(3)—the only national organization representing all minority business owners, will target, research and identify disadvantaged and minority-owned businesses for the purposes of job creation, domestic and international business development and economic growth to support one of the most underutilized and fastest growing resources of the nation's economy: Minority Businesses. The database will identify and categorized these businesses in urban and rural areas by industry sector, geographic region, sales and other information such as capabilities and experience in order to advance their interest and help them match opportunities in the federal marketplace.

See attached

Related Appropriation: Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

List legislation that authorizes this project:

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \$1,000,000

Total funding to complete this project: \$2,750,000

Number of years to fund this project: 3

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: 0

Matching funds from local and private entities:

\$350,000

## Check all that apply:

- ☐ A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended)
- ☐ Bill or report language is needed. (If so, attach requested language)

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

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Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: 0

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: 0

☐ Check this box if state funding was sought but not provided.

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The database will identify and categorize these businesses in urban and rural areas by industry sector, geographic region, sales and other information such as capabilities and experience in order to advance their interest and help them match opportunities in the federal marketplace. MBRT will provide regional workshops and conferences to support federal agencies in their effort to provide fair and open competition among disadvantaged and minority owned firms in meeting their contracting goals through community outreach, identifying procurement opportunities, fostering partnerships and educating agencies and minority businesses on regulations impacting these businesses. Additionally, the database, workshops and conferences will be made available to federal agencies since they are seeking qualified disadvantaged and minority businesses to participate in federal contracting and procurement, subcontracting and mentor-protégé programs. Since disadvantaged and minority businesses are growing three times faster than non-minority businesses, the possibilities to increase job creation and advance economic growth would be tremendous. Tapping into this underutilized economic resource would diminish outsourcing of jobs and create job opportunities in America. MBRT will also utilize the database and web site to create an internship and mentorship program to link jobs and businesses providing advancement opportunities for students and business leaders.

**Year One Tasks:** Develop surveys and target and identify disadvantaged and minority businesses in socioeconomic urban and rural areas via data collected by surveys. Establish a national database and design and activate an interactive web site. Plan and develop regional workshops and conferences in selected markets with high concentrations of disadvantaged and minority businesses. Conduct community outreach via workshops and conferences and invite federal agencies and corporations to participate. **Year Two Tasks:** Make database on-line nationwide via web base. Information will be available to federal agencies so that federal announcements on minority business contracts can be matched with interested disadvantaged and minority businesses. Implement an internship and mentorship program so identified businesses can seek a qualified workforce and receive technical assistance to aid in their development. Continue and expand regional workshops and conferences. **Year Three Tasks:** Continue internship and mentorship program and expand database to include new businesses. MBRT would refine and tailor its web site. Conduct additional outreach services and conduct regional workshops and conferences with federal agencies and disadvantaged and minority businesses. In addition, MBRT would conduct an evaluation of its performance to further enhance the delivery and quality of its programs.